(c) Air Taxi operations are permitted under AIC No. 24 of 1990 issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation, as amended from time to time.

(d) Subject to constraints of space, air taxi operators are being provided facilities like counter space, office space, parking, maintenance and other related facilities. It will take some time to provide adequate hanger facilities to meet semands fully.

**Product diversification envisaged by Scooters India Limited**

*108. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of product diversification programme envisaged by the Scooters India Limited for making the company a profitable one ;

(b) whether the company has not initiated any new technological changes ;

(c) whether some foreign companies have agreed to offer their services for the diversification programme with financial assistance ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to enable the company to change its product ranges ?

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (e) Scooters India Limited (SIL) has been referred to Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) which is examining the long-term viability of SIL. Further steps would depend on the final recommendation of BIFR.

**Post-Earthquake Tremors in Maharashtra**

*109. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA ;
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of tremors have taken place after the devastating earth-quake in Maharashtra ;

(b) whether any study has been made in the matter ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes Sir, After the occurence of the Main earthquake on September 30, 1993, with epicentre close to Latur in Maharashtra, aftershok activity started and is still continuing. Earthquakes of magnitude of around 5 and above generally give rise to aftershock sequence. Till December 1, 1993 a total of 116 aftershocks have been recorded, their magnitude range being between 1.0 to 5.2 on Richter scale.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, India Meteorological Department established five temporary Seismic field stations in the earthquake affected area to monitor aftershock activity. A few other organisations also set up temporary observatories. Most of these aftershocks have epicentres in a narrow zone of about 908 sq. km. and mean radius of 17 km. from the main earquake. The aftershock area are is bounded by Latitude 17°—8' to 18°— 2'N and longitude 76°— 4' to 76°— 7' in the Ausa and Nilanga Tehsils of Latur district and Umarga Tehsil of Osmanabad district. There appears to be no clear evidence of trend of migration of these epicentres in any particular direction. The aftershock area consists a total rock mass volume